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August 11, 2006

A letter to the Bankruptcy Community:

Re: Implementation of CM/ECF Release 3.1 - BAPCPA Statistical Reporting Requirements

CM/ECF Release 3.1 has been primarily designed to address the statistical requirements of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (BAPCPA) and the Judicial Conference's Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System. To ensure compliance with these requirements, on **Saturday, October 14, 2006**, the Iowa Northern Bankruptcy Court will convert from its current CM/ECF environment to the updated Release 3.1. Significant changes have been incorporated into the case opening processes of CM/ECF Release 3.1 that will not permit the filing of a bankruptcy petition or adversary complaint utilizing your current software release. I offer this advanced notification of our conversion date so that you may, in turn, relay that date to your respective Bankruptcy Preparation Software providers. By providing your vendors with advanced notification of our conversion date, they will be in a position to provide you with the necessary updates for continued successful electronic filing within the Northern District.

As we get closer to the actual conversion date, I will send a reminder letter to alert you to system availability/non-availability throughout the weekend of October 14th. If you have any questions pertaining to our conversion efforts, please feel free to contact my office. Thank you in advance for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean F. McAvoy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sean F. McAvoy
Clerk of Court